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SALLY FORTH



THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN



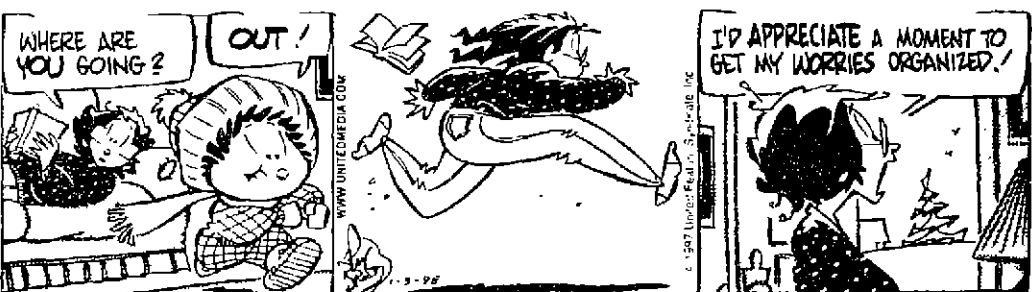
9 CHICKWEED LANE



ANDY CAPP



ROSE IS ROSE



HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



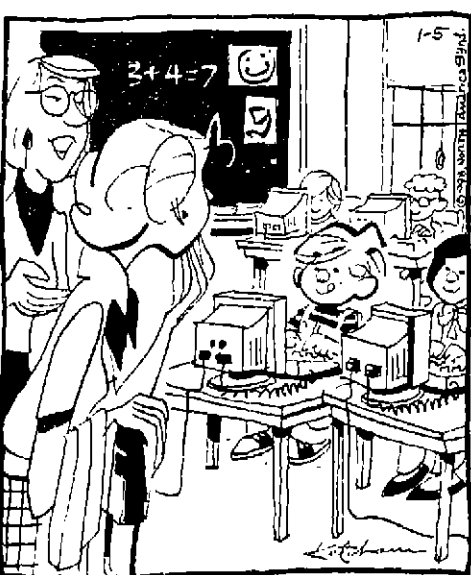
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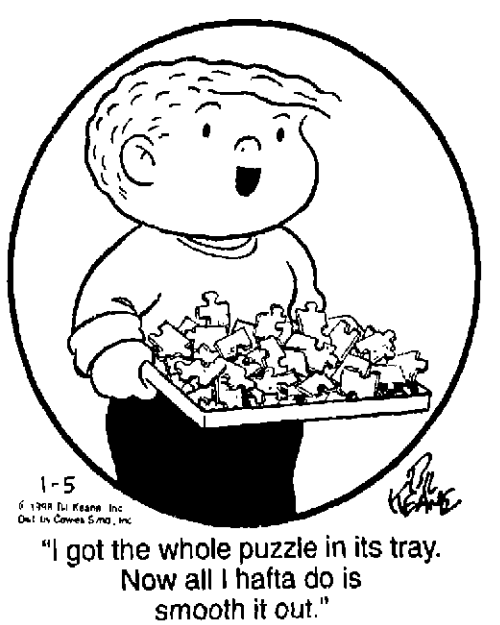
DILBERT



DENNIS THE MENACE



FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



RALPH



Today's Birthdays

Sun Records founder **Sam Phillips** is 75. Former Vice President **Walter F. Mondale** is 70. Actor **Robert Duvall** is 67. Raisa **Gorbachev** is 66. Football Hall-of-Fame coach **Chuck Noll** is 66. Actress-director **Diane Keaton** is 52. Rhythm-and-blues musician **George "Funky" Brown** (Kool and the Gang) is 49. Actress **Pamela Sue Martin** is 45. Actress **Suzi Amis** is 37. Rock singer **Marilyn Manson** is 29.

I NEED HELP



Donald Trump: the later years.

SCRABBLE

A	A	T	B	E	K	L	3rd Letter Triple
C	I	I	S	M	M	S	1st Letter Double
H	T	A	A	E	C	S	4th Letter Double
G	A	E	R	D	B	A	1st Letter Double

PAR SCORE 65-75
by JUDD

FOUR RACK TOTAL
TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blank" used as any letter have no point value. All Judd's words are in The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (Merriam Webster) and OSW Official Scrabble Words (Chambers). JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW

For solution, see Classified.

WORD SLEUTH

Radio Controlled Model Aircraft

V I F D A X V T O O M I S H F
C A S Y W U R P N S L R A E J
H F D E R E V I E C E R N L B
P T R A N S M I T T E R N T S
I S Z R O A R X P V N T E T B
L F R V E E L O R Q I O T O U
O U R E T D C P M K G I N R L
T E H T D I D S L E N N A H C
S L A F L I D U B I E Z Y T W
V B S E N A L P R I A T R O O
N L H K I H F G D C A S Z X W

Friday's unlisted clue: Babel

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Monday's unlisted clue hint: The Person At The Controls

Airplanes: Clubs: Helicopters: Servos:
Antenna: Engines: Receiver: Throttle:
Batteries: Fuel: Rudder: Transmitter:
Channels: Gliders: Sailplanes:

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For solution, see Classified.

HOROSCOPE

For Tuesday, Jan. 6, 1998

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You will be reuniting with past friends, and romance could be accented. Be careful in financial transactions.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Don't be disappointed or get sidetracked if a financial proposal you've made is temporarily turned down. If you keep a stiff upper lip and confidence in yourself, this project will come to fruition.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A spur-of-the-moment vacation getaway intrigues, and it is the perfect time to take advantage of this opportunity.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) On the job, some surprising turns of event will make you very happy. Your financial picture continues to improve, so it is important not to spend foolishly.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) Financially, you are confused over your future. It is best to get important advice from a family member or friend and then seek a professional.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) A family member will be seeking your advice about a personal matter on this day.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) It is definitely going to be a successful time for your professional career. Strike a balance.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) The good news that you have been waiting for on a business matter finally comes through.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Couples may not be in sync, so it is important for both of you to keep the lines of communication open.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Accept that spur-of-the-moment invitation over to a friend's house. At this social gathering, romance is in the air.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) Moneymaking opportunities come your way, but be careful not to jump into something that you have not completely studied extensively.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) Exciting news comes your way from a family member. Shopping is favored.

ACES ON BRIDGE

By Bobby Wolff

Put yourself in West's chair. What should you think about when South presents you with your spade winners at trick four? If you think South is being generous, look again. No bridge player intentionally gives away anything without expecting something more in return.

South takes West's spade king and cashes the ace and king of clubs. When West discards a heart, South realizes the clubs are blocked and calmly puts West on play in spades. A naive West might believe South is offering an advance birthday gift. If he does, he begins to run his spades. One more spade is more than the defense can bear, and South happily discards his nine of clubs.

After West takes his four spade winners, he must give South the lead. And with the club suit conveniently unlocked, South can cash dummy's clubs to win nine tricks. West should ask himself, "Why is South being so generous?" If he does, he might suspect dummy's club suit is blocked, preventing South from cashing dummy's fifth club.

On the theory of what's good for South cannot be good for me, West should resist cashing a spade, shifting to the heart king instead. This transfers the problem back to South, and he can no longer make his game.

NORTH 01 05 A
♥ 7 5 4
♦ 6 3
♣ 9 7 5
♠ Q 7 6 4 3

WEST **EAST**
♥ K Q J 9 8 ♥ 6 3 2
♦ K Q 9 8 ♦ 5 4 2
♣ Q 10 8 ♠ J 6 3 2
♠ 5 ♠ J 8 2

SOUTH
♥ A 10
♦ A J 10 7
♣ A K 4
♠ A K 10 9

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: West

The bidding:
West: 1 ♠
North: Pass
East: Pass
South: 2 ♠

Opening lead: Spade king

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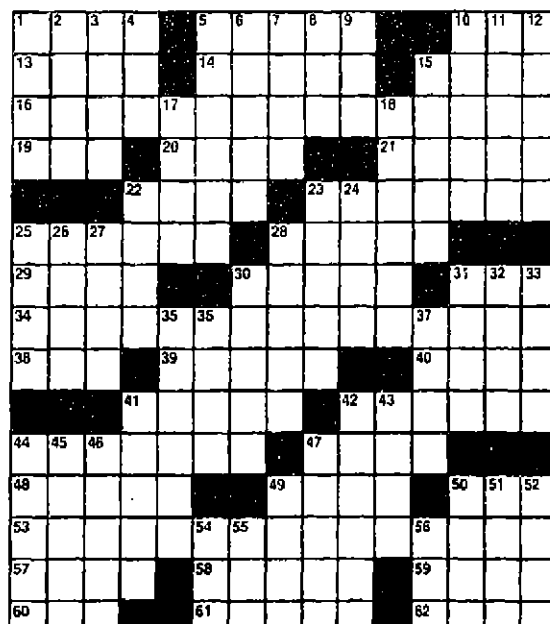
- 1 Catches in the act
- 5 Composer Franz
- 10 P.N.'s "touch"
- 13 Singer Guthrie
- 14 Kind of daisy
- 15 Where the Mets play
- 16 1934 Shirley Temple musical
- 19 Volcano spew
- 20 Protest that gets out of hand
- 21 Bizarre
- 23 Striped fish
- 25 Uses to achieve later success
- 25 Infuriate
- 28 Place to get all steamed up
- 29 Hideaway
- 30 Mode
- 31 President Lincoln
- 34 Take time out
- 36 Hearty mugful
- 39 Bat's position
- 40 Battering wind
- 41 Mailman's beat
- 42 Plant reproductive bodies
- 44 One just let out of jail
- 47 Couples
- 48 Perfect
- 49 Bushels
- 50 "So that's what you meant!"
- 53 Goldbrick
- 57 Not so much
- 58 Kareem
- 59 Back of the neck
- 60 Take to court
- 61 Social position
- 62 Mandated safety sign

DOWN

- 1 Mars Pathfinder launcher
- 2 Partner of crafts
- 3 Ho-hum
- 4 Prodigal
- 5 1991 buddy film "Thelma & Louise"
- 6 Montreal team
- 7 Miami team
- 8 Writer Rand
- 9 Deeply blushing
- 10 Eta follower
- 11 Skeptical
- 12 Gives a hoot
- 15 Six-time Super Bowl coach Don
- 17 Downer
- 18 Safe place in the ring

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

AGR CHAPIN SIDS
DRU TULANE ANET
JAMESFILLIX VACA
UPON FIRST ABIT
SHUTEYE NODE
THYROL OPS NOEL
THEREDDFOXXSHOW
ROXY LIEDER
ANTE END ASTRO
CEOS SCYTHES
KYLE NEALE AREA
IBLE EXXONSTOCK
NEED BELATE AHA
GEDS SCENIC TON



Puzzle by Alex K. Justin

- 35 Moon-landing program
- 36 Tip-off
- 37 Subjects of psychoanalysis
- 41 Highways and byways
- 42 Nonobvious
- 43 Deluxe
- 44 Multivitamins, e.g.
- 45 Goodbye
- 46 Shortstop Pee Wee
- 47 Glazed food item
- 49 Olympus dwellers
- 50 Rival of Bon Ami
- 51 Southwest Indian
- 52 Help in a heist
- 54 Servicewoman, briefly
- 55 Hawks' and Bucks' org.
- 56 Opposite WSW

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